

February 20, 2015
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes
Deering Building, Room 233
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the February 20, 2015 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on January 22, 2015 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on January 22, 2015.

Commission Present: Mike Wiers, Stanley Millay and Matt Randall

Commission Absent: Colon Durrell and Richard Cook

Department Officials: Ellis Additon, Bureau Chief, Agriculture

Staff Present: Tim Drake, Executive Director, Audrey Shorty and Josh Panek, Resource Administrators and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate

Legal Counsel: Lauren Parker

Others Present: Mike Benar and James Lesser of Oakhurst Dairy, John Blake, H.P. Hood, Julie-Marie Bickford and Dale Cole of MDIA, Clayton Davis, DFA/DMS, Shelley Doak of Maine Grocers and Food Producers Association, Barney Wright, John Stoughton and Walter Fletcher, dairy farmers and Michelle Leczynski, Delhaize America.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes: Stan Millay made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting as presented. Matt Randall seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General:

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:

Tim Drake reported that a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for March 2015, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS) and Agri-Mark Co-op had been reported. In addition to this premium, DMS and Agri-Mark reported that an additional \$0.43/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Federal Order One Class I price for March is \$18.81, a decrease of \$0.68/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.35/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

Dale Cole commented that there have been continuing decreases to the Class I price over the last three months and asked that an increase in the producer margin be considered.

Chairman Wiers stated that he wanted to consider the consumer in any decision made and to be careful not to hurt them with any action the Commission took and was not ready to make quick adjustments.

No other testimony was offered.

Stan Millay made a motion to accept order #03-15 with a producer margin of \$1.35/cwt.

Matt Randall seconded the motion.

Chairman Wiers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey: The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for February 2015 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Scarborough, South Portland, Brunswick, Biddeford, Bangor and Brewer. The IAMCA survey for December 2014 was also reviewed.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- March 19, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- April 23, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- May 21, 2015, 10:30a.m.
Room 319, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- June 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Room 319, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME

Agenda Item 6: Other:

1. **Monthly Financial Report:** The financial report of FY15 was reviewed.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: None

Adjourned: Adjourned; 10:40 a.m. February 20, 2015.
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission